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SUBJECT: SENEGAL CONGO RELATIONS

1. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR DIOUF CALLED ON CHARGE, MAY 23. AFTER EXPRESSING KEEN SATISFACTION WITH FRENCH RESPONSE TO SHABA INCURSION, DIOUF TOLD OF MEETING WHICH HE HAD HAD WITH PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO, PRIOR TO YHOMBY'S DEPARTURE, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR.

2. DIOUF RELATED THAT HE HAD MADE THREE POINTS: FIRST, THAT ALTHOUGH A MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, CONGO HAS NOT BEEN HONORING EITHER ITS IMPORT OR EXPORT OBLIGATIONS; SECONDLY, THAT SENEGAL IS NOT A WEALTHY COUNTRY AND, IF CLOSER RELATIONS CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED WITH CONGO, DAKAR SEES NO REASON TO RETAIN A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR HERE; THIRDLY, THAT SENEGALESE WISH TO SEND A TEAM TO BRAZZAVILLE TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION FOR CONFISCATION OF SENEGALESE PROPERTIES DURING 1977 EXPULSIONS.

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3. DIOUF SAID YHOMBY REPLIED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE NEGOTIATING TEAM (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION QUESTION OF COMPENSATION), THAT CONGO SOUGHT WARMEST RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL, AND THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING PRESIDENT SENGHOR AT OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM. ACCORDING TO DIOUF, YHOMBY-OPANGO ADDED THAT

CONGO INTENDS TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN DAKAR DURING THE
COMING FISCAL YEAR.

4. AS HE LEFT, DIOUF COMMENTED THAT HE WAS VERY
SATISFIED WITH CONGOLESE ROLE REGARDING SHBA EVENTS,
BUT FRUSTRATED THAT YHOMBY DID NOT DRAW PROPER CON-
CLUSIONS FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO CONGOLESE ECONOMY
UNDER SOCIALISM.

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